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SUBJECT: CORRECTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION ON AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MINISTERIAL

- 1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS WASHINGTON HAS DRAFT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON AGRICULTURAL INPUTS, WFC/L.33 OF MAY 11, 1977. AT INFORMAL RAPPORTEUR'S MEETING HELD MAY 24 (OTHER TOPIC ON AGENDA REPORTED SEPTEL), LANDYMORE READ CHANGES WHICH WERE AGREED TO AT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PREPARATORY MEETING BUT WERE NOT INCORPORATED IN THE TEXT. THESE CHANGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW.
- 2. ON FIRST PAGE AFTER THE WORDS 'WORD FOOD COUNCIL' ADD FOLLOWING U.S. PROPOSED LANGUAGE BEGIN BRACKETS GENERAL. RECOGNIZING, WITHIN THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, THE IMPORTANCE OF DIRECTING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF AGRICULTARAL INPUTS TO WHERE THEY CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN COMBATING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, ESPECIALLY BY SEEKING TO INCREASE THEIR USE BY SMALL FARMERS. END BRACKETS

THEN ADD ASTERISK AND FOOTNOTE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE THAT GROUP OF 77 COULD AGREE TO FOLLOWING VERSION OF U.S. PROPOSAL: UNCLASSIFIED

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BEGIN QUOTE: RECOGNIZING WITHIN THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, THE IMPORTANCE OF DIRECTING ADQUATE SUPPLIES OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, ESPECIALLY BY SEEKING TO INCREASE THEIR USE BY SMALL FARMERS. END QUOTE.

3. STILL ON FIRST PAGE, THERE SHOULD BE BRACKETS AROUND FULL

PARAGRAPH BEGIN QUOTE RECOGNIZING FURTHER THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PURCHASING FERTILIZERS IN THE WORLD MARKET EVEN WHEN SUPPLIES ARE PLENTIFUL, BECAUSE OF THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONSTRAINTS, END QUOTE. GROUP OF 77 CHARMAN BRITO TRIED TO REMOVE BRACKETS BY TAKING OUT WORD 'ALL' BEFORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT IT WAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THIS AS BRACKETED.

- 4. FINALLY ON PAGE 1 PARAGRAPH NUMBERED 1 LINE 3, THERE SHOULD BE ADDED A 'THE' BEFORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- 5. ON PAGE 2 PARAGRAPH NUMBERED 5, THIS WHOLE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE IN SQUARE BRACKETS. GARDNER

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